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**Argillaceous Art
Arizona Clay
February 13 through April 12**

Continuing in a tradition established ten years ago, West Valley Art Museum opens the fifth in a series of biennial exhibitions of the work of Arizona Clay. Juried shows in the past sponsored and participated in by this group have been open to anyone in the state. This year's show celebrates contributions by just the members of Arizona Clay.

Respected artists and teachers Esmeralda Delaney and Luey Biaz served as jurors for the 30 piece exhibition which opens February 13 at West Valley Art Museum and will run through April 12 during the National Conference of NCECA, the National Council on Education for Ceramic Art, April 8 - 11 taking place at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Bozena Anderson, known for works resembling tubular plant forms, shows funky cone head people this year that are colorful and humorous. Carol Russell, winner of Best In Show at the last exhibition at WVAM entitled "You're Fired", again presents viewers with another enigmatic work of sculpture entitled "Equanimity". April Watt proved to be the most popular with the judges scoring with all three of her entries; the only artist to do so. Her works pay homage to great modern painters such as Vincent Van Gogh and Henri Rousseau.

As in years past less than a third of the entries are "functional" as ceramists continue to be more interested in artistic statement than utilitarian efforts.

A members' and artists' reception will be held at the Museum Friday, February 13 from 5 to 8 pm.

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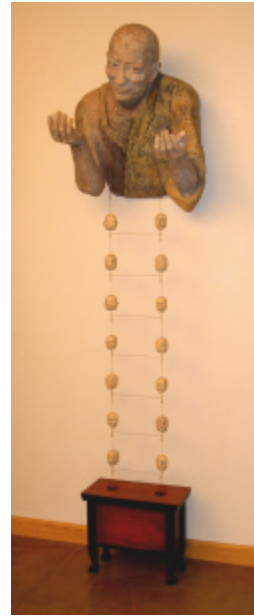


WEST VALLEY ART MUSEUM

17420 N. Avenue of the Arts
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"Mr. Nightcap" ceramic by Bozena
Anderson



"Equanimity" ceramic and mixed media
Carol Russell



"My Starry Night" ceramic by April Watt

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